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1. AN ARTICLE IN THE SEPTEMBER 8 ISSUE OF TRYBUNA LUDU
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DISCUSSES SUPPLIESAND USE OF OIL IN POLAND. ACCORDING TO
THE ARITCLE POLISH REFINERIES WILL PROCESS 16.5 MILLION
TONS OF CRUDE OIL THIS YEAR BUT ONLY 400,000 TONS OF
THAT AMOUNT WILL COME FROM DOMETIC SOURCES. THIRTEEN MILLION TONS
WILL BE IMPORTED FROM THE SOVIET UNION.

2. THE ARTICLE STATES THAT OIL IS OBTAINED FROM THE

SOVIETS ON THE BASIS OF AN "ADVANTAGEOUS LONG TERM AGREEMENT DEFINING THE QUANTITY OF SUPPLY FOR A PARTICULAR YEAR AS WELL AS CLEAR PRECISE PRICE CONDITIONS." THE PRICE FOR SOVIET OIL IS THE "ARITHMETIC AVERAGE OF PRICES OF THAT RAW MATERIAL FOR THE PERIOD OF THE PAST FIVE YEARS."

3. COMMENT: THIS REPORT REGARDING THE PRICING OF SOVIET OIL EXPORTS IS CONTRADICTORY TO THE REPORT GIVEN REFTEL IN ANY CASE, THE QUESTION MAY BE MOOT BECAUSE USING EITHER OF THE PRICING SYSTEMS IN QUESTION, THE FULL EFFECT OF THE POST 1973 OIL CRISIS PRICING WILL HAVE BEEN FELT IN POLAND. END COMMENT.

4. THE LARGEST CONSUMER OF PEROLEUM PRODUCTS IN POLAND IS TRANSPORT WHICH USES 45 PERCENT OF THE COUNTRY'S OIL. THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CONSUMES 12 PERCENT AND AGRICULTURE AND ENERGY TOGETHER USE 10 PERCENT OF THE OIL CONSUMED IN POLAND. PRIVATE CARS USE 1.6 MILLION TONS OF OIL ANNUALLY.

5. POLISH OIL DEMAND IS FORECAST TO BE 20 MILLION TONS BY 1980 AND 35 TONS BY 1985.

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